

we can celebrate marriage equality all across America. Until then, I share in the joy of another step forward in the struggle for equal rights for all, regardless of their race, age, gender, or sexual orientation.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER
PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, INDIGENOUS
LEADER, AND FRIEND TO
THE UNITED STATES, BENITO
JUAREZ

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, as millions of Mexican Americans across the country commemorate the 5th of May, or "El Cinco de Mayo," I would like to pay particular homage to the indigenous visionary leader and friend to the U.S., Benito Juarez, whose historic actions lead to this celebrated occasion. Born the son of Zapotec Indian peasants, Juarez rose above racial, economic, and political challenges to become one of Mexico's most renowned presidents.

Juarez became a lawyer in 1834, a judge in 1841, Governor of the state of Oaxaca in 1847, President of the Supreme Court of Justice in 1857, interim President of Mexico in 1858, and finally President elect in 1861.

Juarez served his country at a time of tremendous political discord. Inspired by the idea of a modern civil society and free market principles prevalent in its neighboring country to the north, Juarez dedicated himself to ridding his country of its historically corrupt military rule. Juarez also successfully ousted British, Spanish, and French opposition forces while serving as head of state in exile. It was at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, that Mexican forces won a victory against the French. Although significantly outnumbered, the Mexicans defeated a much better-equipped French army of more than double their size in numbers. The French army had not been defeated in almost 50 years. On May 9, 1862, Juarez declared that the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla would be a national holiday regarded as "Battle of Puebla Day" or "Battle of Cinco de Mayo."

I note that Juarez maintained a special relationship with President Abraham Lincoln. During Juarez' exile, President Lincoln sent him a message expressing hope "for the liberty of . . . [his] government and its people." Later while Juarez fought against the French, General Ulysses S. Grant, under President Lincoln's direction, issued an order to "concentrate in all available points in the States an army strong enough to move against the invaders of Mexico." President Lincoln also supplied arms and munitions to Juarez, sending as many as 30,000 muskets to reinforce the Mexican line.

In turn, Juarez stood strong against Confederacy efforts to topple the Union armies. When the South sent a delegation under John T. Pickett to Mexico to win over the juaristas, Pickett was thrown into a Mexico City jail for 30 days and thereafter expelled from the country.

Upon receiving news of President Lincoln's assassination, Juarez ordered flags at all public buildings and military stations in Mexico to

fly at half-mast. In a letter to the Secretary of the Mexican Legation and his charge d'affaires in Washington, D.C., Juarez wrote: "[This] great misfortune has profoundly impressed me, as Mr. Lincoln, who worked with so much earnestness and abnegation for the cause of nationality and freedom, was worthy of a better fate than the poniard of a coward assassin."

Today, Juarez is remembered as being a progressive reformer dedicated to democracy, equal rights for his nation's indigenous peoples, and the defense of national sovereignty. Let us honor him on this day.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STANLEY H.
STONE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida and myself, I rise now to offer a tribute to the career and success of my friend, Dr. Stanley H. Stone, who served as the Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity for Valencia College in Orlando, FL for the past ten years. A visionary and scholar Dr. Stanley H. Stone is a true leader of the Central Florida Community and the great State of Florida.

We exalt Dr. Stone for his accomplishments while the legacy honoring the man, husband, father, and a community leader who is beloved by many in the Central Florida area. A man dedicated to education and committed to achieving athletic excellence, Dr. Stone earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Political Science in 1974 from Howard University in Washington, District of Columbia while on a track athletic scholarship. During his tenure at Howard, he was acknowledged as a College All-American in Track and Field. This prestigious honor catapulted him toward his aspirations of representing the United States in the Olympics after winning several sprinting competitions. Continuing his pursuit of academic scholarship, Dr. Stone was awarded his Juris Doctorate degree in 1977 from Howard University.

Upon relocating to the State of Florida, Dr. Stone began his professional career as a staff attorney for Central Florida Legal Services, Inc. In 1979, Dr. Stone's call to service lead him to the classrooms of Seminole Community College in Sanford, FL and Valencia Community in Orlando, FL as an adjunct professor, where he taught both business and law classes at each respective institution. Within the year, Dr. Stone became the Program Director of the Paralegal Program at Valencia. Progressing forward, he became the Dean of the Business and Public Services department and served in this capacity for 10 years. Because of his exceptional work ethic, management skills, and business savvy, Dr. Stone was promoted to Provost of Valencia College, East Campus in 1994 and remained in this position until 2003. It was during his tenure as Provost that the East Campus experienced extraordinary growth in student enrollment, increased number of grants awarded to faculty and staff, and the expansion of buildings and facilities. Subsequently, by the end of his term, the East

Campus bolstered an enrollment of over 17,000 students per semester, greatly exceeding that of the other three respective Valencia Community College campuses. Also as campus Provost, Dr. Stone served as the Chair of the college-wide Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Committee, responsible for recommending college policies and procedures for confronting employment discrimination investigations, sexual harassment complaints, and provided guidance to administrators on college recruiting and hiring practices. As a result of being an advocate for students, Dr. Stone was awarded an honorary membership into the Phi Theta Kappa Society.

In recognition of exemplifying phenomenal leadership, Valencia's President, Dr. Sanford Shugart, promoted Dr. Stone to the position of Vice-President of Human Resources and Diversity division in 2003. Dr. Stone is the first to hold this position and was the only African American on the president's cabinet. He served as the president's liaison to the College's Black Advisory Committee. Dr. Stone holds memberships in the American Association of the Community Colleges, the Florida Association of Community Colleges and the College and University Public Administrators organization.

As a community leader Dr. Stanley H. Stone efforts are unrivaled. He has served on numerous boards, commissions and panels throughout the Central Florida area. In September, 2006, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Dr. Stone as Chair of the Mayor's Safe Orlando Task Force his unprecedented recommendations to resolve law enforcement issues and reduce crime were unanimously accepted recommendations for implementation. In addition, Dr. Stone serves on the Board of Directors for the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Central Florida Urban League, 100 Black Men organization and Boys and Girls Club. Dr. Stone reached the pinnacle of his volunteerism and philanthropic efforts by being recognized by several organizations such as the Orange County Black History Committee who named Dr. Stone, Educator of the Year in 2006; The Links, Incorporated in 2009; and he was most recently recognized by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated as a Blue Indigo award recipient.

Though Dr. Stanley H. Stone is a celebrated educator and exemplary community leader, the title that suits him best that which he is most proud of is father. Dr. Stone enjoys leisure time with his son, Terrance, and his loving wife, Barbara. In memory of their most cherished and treasured daughter Shannon, who transitioned in 2007, Dr. and Mrs. Stone established a foundation through which several students have been granted scholarships and book awards. A devoted and active member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Oviedo, Florida, Dr. Stone is a man of great faith. Through his faith he has persevered from his childhood in the inner city to his stellar achievements as a community servant. Always remembering to reach back, Dr. Stone's commitment and dedication to our youth has provided young people with the opportunities that were not so easily afforded to him.

We pay tribute to a man of God Dr. Stanley H. Stone, as a humanitarian, man, husband, father, educator, and community leader in Central Florida whose life work and achievements symbolize compassion, thoughtfulness, patience, wisdom, confidence and faith. He is

a man who has remained the master of his fate, steadfast to being the captain of his soul and is truly a role model for us all.

HONORING CALVIN "CAL" SUTKER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Calvin "Cal" Sutker, a political and community leader, a devoted family man, and a treasured friend to many.

Cal Sutker had an illustrious political career that included many elected and appointed leadership positions, beginning as a Trustee in the Village of Skokie from 1965 to 1969, where he helped pass one of the first Fair Housing Ordinances in the State of Illinois.

From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Sutker ably represented his community in the Illinois General Assembly as State Representative and went on to become Cook County Commissioner from 1994 to 2002. Mr. Sutker served as Niles Township Democratic Committeeman for 33 years, from 1973 to 2006. He also served as Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party and as State Central Committeeman. He was a friend and supporter of many aspiring and serving elected officials, including me, for which I will always be grateful.

In addition to the many laws and ordinances that he authored that have made life better for the people of Illinois, Mr. Sutker has left an indelible physical legacy for our community. He was instrumental in bringing the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, the 2nd District Courthouse, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum to Skokie. In 2006, a Cook County Forest Preserve District grove was named for Cal Sutker.

Mr. Sutker was active in Jewish charitable causes, and a staunch support of NA'AMAT USA, in which his beloved wife Phyllis was a leader for many years. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, serving in Germany, France and Austria during World War II. He was in the battalion that first entered the Dachau concentration camp and liberated its prisoners, and spoke regularly to community and student groups about his experiences during the war.

He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Chicago.

Calvin Sutker and his late wife Phyllis had four children—Edie Sue Sutker, a Skokie Trustee, Shelly Sutker-Dermer, a Circuit Court Judge in Skokie, Sharon McGowan, and Allen Sutker. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, his sister Ada Rabinowitz, and his brother Irwin Sutker.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER DALLAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Children's Medical Center Dallas. This year, Children's Medical Center Dallas celebrates its centennial, marking 100 years of providing quality health care to the Dallas community.

Children's Medical Center Dallas has consistently been recognized among the top children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News and World Report. It has more than fifty specialty and subspecialty programs, and was the first pediatric hospital in Texas to be designated as a Level I Trauma Center. Children's provides more than \$65 million in charity health care annually to ensure access to treatment for many children whose families are unable to pay for their care. With nearly seven thousand employees and well over 200,000 patients served annually, Children's is an integral part of the Dallas community.

To expand the treatment options available for patients, Children's has partnered with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to create the Children's Medical Center Research Institute. This Institute builds upon the clinical expertise of Children's Medical Center Dallas and the scientific prowess of UT Southwestern Medical Center to conduct transformational pediatric research.

Over recent decades, I have seen Children's Medical Center Dallas grow and develop in its effort to continue providing superior healthcare for children and their families. I congratulate Children's on its 100th year of operation and commend the hardworking

nurses, physicians, and staff at Children's for providing care to so many of Dallas' children.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT GUILLERMO DE LEON

HON. PETE P. GALLEGO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the late Sergeant Guillermo "Willie" De Leon.

Staff Sergeant de Leon was the son of a Terlingua miner—born on June 25, 1919 in the 23rd congressional district in Big Bend and raised in Uvalde. He gained his strong work ethic at an early age—learning the stonemason and bricklayers trade during the great depression.

Mr. De Leon was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1940—serving in the 36th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy. He made the rank of staff sergeant at an early age, becoming one of the first Mexican-American noncommissioned officers and one of the first to command Anglo troops.

Staff Sergeant De Leon led a squad of 12 men in the first wave of the amphibious landing at Salerno Italy in 1943—wading through tracer bullets and his fallen comrades. He was also a member of the 141st Infantry Regiment the all Mexican-American unit that led the attack at the crossing of the Rapido River. Staff Sergeant De Leon was one of only 26 men who survived the attack.

Staff Sergeant De Leon's valor earned him several recognitions. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with one cluster, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four battle stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After his service, he returned to Uvalde to be with his family. He was a true hero. It is fitting that the civic center of Uvalde be named in honor of this brave American soldier—and rededicated on May 27, 2013. He is one of the community's most decorated veterans. The Staff Sergeant Willie De Leon Civic Center will pay tribute to the life of Guillermo De Leon.